

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Ben Rohrbeck, Monica Close, Sue Ciorletti, Judy Schafer, Ellen Carmody and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Dolores Higgins and Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission. Kathryn Yahraes was attending a CCHPN event on behalf of the Historical Commission and had an excused absence.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chris asked Ed to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chris asked for a moment of silence for our troops and all the people along the New Jersey shore suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

3. MINUTES

The Chairman noted that the minutes of October 11, 2012 were approved.

4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR

A. It was noted that the Township Holiday Party is on Friday, December 14, 2012, not Saturday as shown on the calendar. It is from 6-9 pm and at Hershey's Mill Golf Club.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Monica provided a written report which included \$325.46 as the total revenue from 2012 Living History Day. Chris had an invoice for \$85 from the Chester Co. Historic Preservation which was included in the budget. Everyone agreed to pay this invoice.

Judy gave Monica an invoice of \$93 for the township website sign. This is the part of the cost that the Township is responsible for. The Historic Commission already paid their part of the cost.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Miscellaneous Historic Research – Ed passed around results of his research for the following locations:

514 Beaumont Circle
1020 Hershey Mill Rd
1030 Hershey Mill Rd
Hershey's Mill – Sullivan House.

B. 2013 Events

Living History Day - Ellen reported that there will be Union and Confederate re-enactors at the Living History Day in June 2013. Sue is looking into having the event filmed. Ellen is still trying to find someone who can provide a balloon. The first hot air balloon ascent was from Philadelphia to Deptford NJ. Ben was just in Deptford and noticed that the event is listed on the water tower.

The Louisiana Tigers re-enactors will be here – they have a very different uniform.

Ellen feels the sale of lucets should be done in the area of the demonstrations, not at the information table.

The purchase of t-shirts for volunteers controlling the traffic and parking and at the information table was discussed. They will be green with "Event Staff" printed on the back. They cost \$9 each and 12 will be needed. Chris made a motion to approve this purchase. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dolores got pricing for ice cream cups. They are \$8 for a sleeve (250) of 3 ½ oz cups. She will get pricing for the little spoons.

Everyone is concerned about the traffic. They want to get the electronic speed sign from the police department again. The Township has a "Special Event Parking" sign and orange cones. Dolores will find out if there is a bulk supplier of corn husks to make dolls again this year.

Summer Hours – Since the Historic Commission will be participating in the Town Tours and Walks on July 25, 2013, Ellen received permission to leave the Plank House & Blacksmith Shop meeting room set up for LHD as is. She spoke to Joanne Morgan about the fact that the meeting room cannot be reserved during this time. Ellen suggested the following dates to have the historic area open in 2013 instead of every Saturday:

June 1 – Living History Day

June – select one more Saturday

July 25 – Town Tours & Walks

Aug – select one Saturday to be open

Dolores estimated that only 50 people visit during July and August. More visitors come in September and October. Ellen suggested making these Saturdays bigger than the normal summer Saturdays and do more advertising.

C. Archive Program – This project is on-going.

D. Facebook/social media – The township website was discussed. The HC wants their own tab like Park & Rec has and/or be listed in the Quick Links list so it will be easier for people to find information about their events.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Plank House Roof – Chris reported that the new roof is done and they did a great job. The caulking and glazing of the windows in the Blacksmith Shop is being done. Mark Miller will replace two window sills. Chris will ask Mark to take in the water trough. Dolores mentioned that the windows in the kitchen of the Plank House were also leaking. Chris will mention it to Mark.

B. 2013 Goals & Objectives - These goals have to be turned in by mid-December. Some items that were discussed:

1. 2013 Living History Day

2. 2013 Town Tours and Walks – Chris received an email from Karen Marshall confirming that East Goshen will be participating on July 25, 2013.

3. Social Media/Facebook

4. Battle of the Clouds – Chris reminded everyone that the meeting is Nov. 29, 2012 at the Washington Building at Yellow Springs from 6 – 7:30 pm. Ellen showed everyone the poster for the British Captain Johann Von Ewald. Everyone agreed that it should be larger so the print is easier to read. She is working on one for George Clymer. She will get them framed for this meeting.

5. Schedule for summer 2013

6. After October convert the Plank House back to Revolutionary War Era.

9. ANY OTHER MATTER

A. National History Day will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Imaculatta University. Registration for all judges must be done by Feb. 1st. Judges training is on Feb. 16th. Chris commented that Kathryn challenges everyone to recruit one new judge.

B. The newsletter article for Jan. 1st will be done by Kathryn.

C. Jackets for commission members were discussed. The township is no longer providing shirts or jackets for ABC members. However, they can be ordered if the commission or member pay for them. Since the commission raised \$325.46 at Living History Day, Chris proposed that 2 jackets be purchased, one for him and one for the new member who will replace Ben. Everyone agreed.

D. Officers for 2013 – Chris will put together a slate of officers for the next meeting.

E. Signs – Judy hung the “Closed” sign for the historic area and had received some negative comments about it. It was decided that she should order another sign stating “Will reopen in the Spring”. She also has another track on the large sign and wants to include “For Information” and put the www.eastgoshen.org under it. Everyone agreed.

F. Chris reported that the Antique Car Club meets at the Massey House on Thanksgiving Day, about 250 people. They break up into smaller groups (20-50) and visit historic sites. One of the groups would like to come to East Goshen at noon. Chris and Ben will open the site for the club to visit.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ben moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary